

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sweeney, Members Sorensen, Salch, Bass, Gordon, Segobiano, Berglund, Pokorney

Members Absent: Member Sommer

Other County Board Members Present: Member Rodman

Staff Present: Mr. John M. Zeunik, County Administrator; Ms. Martha B. Ross, County Administrator's Assistant, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/Elected Officials Present: Mr. Mike Gallagher, Assistant Director, Information Services

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the January 8, 2002 meeting for approval.

Motion by Pokorney/Gordon to approve and place on file the minutes of the January 8, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 8, 2002 meeting were approved and placed on file as presented.

Chairman Sweeney, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that there are two reappointments, three appointments, and one resignation upon which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Berglund/Bass to recommend approval of the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignation, as presented by the Chairman.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he appreciated the inclusion of the supporting material for the appointments that was included in the agenda packet.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request received from Normal Township for Changes in Polling Places for the upcoming Primary Election on March 19, 2002.

Motion by Gordon/Pokorney to recommend approval of the request Received from Normal Township for Changes in Polling Places for the Primary Election on March 19, 2002. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request received from Bellflower Township for a Change in Polling Place.

Motion by Berglund/Pokorney to recommend approval of the request received from Bellflower Township for a Change in Polling Place. Motion carried.

Mike Gallagher, Assistant Director, Information Services, presented a Request for Approval to Purchase Network Equipment in order to upgrade the existing system. The objective in purchasing new equipment is primarily to provide a better response to users. The demand on the current system has taxed it to its maximum capacity.

Mr. Gordon asked why the request memo stated that the bid submitted by STL was represented as the lowest bid, when the bid submitted by Connecting Point was a lower amount. Mr. Gallagher explained that Connecting Point did not bid on four (4) of the items listed in the package, and therefore, did not submit a complete bid. The bid from STL, of the three bids submitted, was actually the lowest overall, and included bid prices for the complete package for the network upgrade.

Motion by Pokorney/Salch to recommend approval of the Request by the Information Services Department to Purchase Network Equipment. Motion carried.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, presented a Request for Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2001 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance. The Emergency Appropriation Ordinance addresses charges incurred for outside auditing services by Clifton Gunderson, L.L.C., the County's Outside Auditor.

Mr. Zeunik explained that during Fiscal Year 2001, the outside auditor provided assistance to the State's Attorney's Office in two (2) criminal investigations involving the alleged misappropriation of funds in both the Sheriff's Office and the Recorder of Deeds Office. He stated that the amount charged for the service was \$31,542.00.

Mr. Segobiano asked for the amounts that were allegedly misappropriated in both departments. Mr. Zeunik responded that the Recorder's Office deficit was estimated at between \$1,600.00 and \$1,700.00. The Sheriff's Office determined its amount to be \$17,000.00. One case has been disposed of and the other case will soon be completed.

Motion by Bass/Sorensen to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2001 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the payment of Outside Auditing Services. Motion carried.

Mr. "Duffy" Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, stated that the Committee had no items for action at this time. He noted that there would be one item submitted to the full Board on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, stated that the Committee had no items for action at this time.

Mr. Gene Salch, Chairman of the Property Committee, stated that the Committee had no items for action at this time.

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented a Request for Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the County Recorder's Office.

Motion by Sorensen/Pokorney to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, County General Fund 0001, County Recorder's Office 0006, County Recorder's Document Storage Fund 0137. Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen presented a Request for Approval of an Ordinance Setting Fees for Vital Records in the County Clerk's Office. He noted that this request is actually the second half of the Ordinance Amending Fees to be Charged by the County Clerk's Office that was approved by the Board at its January 15, 2002 meeting.

Motion by Sorensen/Bass to recommend approval of the Ordinance Setting Fees for Vital Records in the County Clerk's Office.
Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen presented the request for approval of an Ordinance Transferring Funds from the General Fund and a Resolution Transferring Funds from Working Cash concurrently and stated that both are annual requests to cover a cash flow shortfall from January 1st through May 31st. Mr. Sorensen presented both requests as one item.

Motion by Sorensen/Berglund to recommend approval of an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the County General Fund 0001, to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110, FICA/Social Security Fund 0130, and the IMRF Fund 0131.

Motion by Sorensen/Berglund to recommend approval of a Resolution Transferring Monies from the Working Cash Fund 0002 to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110, and the Health Department Fund 0112.

Chairman Sweeney called for a vote on both of the Motions.

Motions carried.

Mr. Sorensen stated that the other items listed on the agenda would be presented to the full Board at its February meeting.

Mr. Jack Pokorney, Vice Chairman of the Justice Committee, presented a Request for Approval to Apply for a Grant from the Department of Justice, Assistance Fund for Local Response Agencies. He noted that the County office making the application is the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency ("E.S.D.A."). The amount of the grant is \$30,000.00, which is to be utilized to provide immediate resources to protect emergency first responders from hazardous materials. Funds are also earmarked for terrorism response involving hazardous materials exposure.

Motion by Pokorney/Salch to recommend approval for the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency ("E.S.D.A.") to apply for a Grant from the Department of Justice, Assistance Fund for Local Response Agencies. Motion carried.

Mr. Pokorney presented a Request for Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2001 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Court Security Fund 0141, Sheriff's Department 0029, and the County General Fund on behalf of the Sheriff's Department. He stated that this is an annual request presented at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion by Pokorney/Salch to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2001 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Court Security Fund 0141, Sheriff's Department 0029, and the County General Fund.

Mr. Gordon asked whether this request was an annual end of the year accounting adjustment. Mr. Pokorney responded affirmatively.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pokorney presented a Request for Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Metro McLean County Centralized Communications Center Fund 0452, MetCom 0030.

Motion by Pokorney/Salch to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Metro McLean County Centralized Communications Center Fund 0452, MetCom 0030. Motion carried.

Mr. Pokorney noted that the remaining items listed on the agenda would be presented to the full Board at its February meeting.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, stated that he had nothing to report to the Committee at this time.

Mr. Segobiano commented that the County Board appoints three (3) members to the Bloomington-Normal Airport Authority Board. He recommended that the County's interest in retaining the annual Prairie Air Show as a local event be communicated to the Airport Authority Board.

Chairman Sweeney asked whether Mr. Segobiano's comment was meant to be stated in the form of a motion. Mr. Segobiano responded that he was not making a formal motion. Rather, he was opening the subject for discussion by the Executive Committee and stating that he intended to bring the matter before the full Board for discussion.

Mr. Bass asked whether there are members on the Board who do not support the Air Show being held in Bloomington-Normal. Mr. Segobiano stated that there seems to be some informal discussion to that effect.

Chairman Sweeney stated that he could invite Mr. Neale McCormick, Chairman of the Airport Authority Board, and County appointee, to address the Board at its next meeting regarding the status of the Air Show. The general consensus of the Committee was favorable to this suggestion.

Mr. Sorensen commented that, based upon his experience and participation in pas Air Show events, a productive discussion involving the full Board might be unproductive. However, it would be advisable for the Board to exercise more influence with the three Commissioners that it appoints to the Airport Authority Board, as the Air Show has an economic impact on the County.

Chairman Sweeney presented the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office for approval.

Motion by Gordon/Pokorney to recommend approval of the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office, as of December 31, 2001. Motion carried.

Motion by Berglund/Bass to recommend approval of the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office, as of January 31, 2002. Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Ross
Recording Secretary